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As the week began prices were unchanged on all sizes in the Northeast and unchanged to higher on all sizes elsewhere. In New York this week, prices remained unchanged on all sizes. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand continued in a full range of light to very good, best for holiday needs. Supplies were mostly adequate to at times close for current needs. Prices for breaking stock were unchanged to one cent higher with check and undergrade prices mostly unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good with offerings closely balanced to available. Breaking stock bids for next week's deliveries were at the high side of the current quoted range. Schedules were mixed. The trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances barely steady. Removal costs for spent hens were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to barely adequate for the reduced Thanksgiving slaughter schedules. Demand was moderate to instances good. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were .5-11 cents, mostly 6-9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail movement was usually good to very good for last minute holiday orders. Food service demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good with offerings closely balanced to available. Breaking stock bids for next week's delivery were at the high side of the quoted range. Schedules were mixed. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	65-68
LARGE	61-70	63-66
MEDIUM	51-60	53-56

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,

Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to very good, best for holiday shopping. Supplies were generally sufficient for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient to barely adequate for reduced holiday schedules. Spent hens were mostly adequate to about adequate for processing

requirements.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	71-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	56-69	61-63

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,

Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Oct 18, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	
NORTHEAST	73.00	71.00	62.00	
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	61.00	
MIDWEST	65.50	63.50	54.50	
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	75.50	60.50	
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.54	70.83	59.50	

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

 IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN
 PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

 FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD

 BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN
 11-22-05
 11-15-05
 11-23-04

 Large
 43-52
 42-51
 47-55

 Medium
 33-39
 33-39
 16-21

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- NOVEMBER 21, 2005 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	N	lortheast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.6	18.5	7.2	12.2	11.9	60.4
	Change	-2.4	1.5	-1.9	-1.1	-0.3	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.1	43.9	7.9	16.3	38.7	132.9
	Change	-8.7	-12.0	-8.2	-6.3	-2.2	-22%
Large	Curr Wk	45.8	103.6	41.2	76.9	96.7	364.2
	Change	-1.7	-26.5	-44.9	-18.9	-14.0	-23%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.8	52.3	16.8	22.0	29.4	134.3
	Change	0.1	6.8	-2.5	-1.6	-2.3	0%
Small	Curr Wk	3.4	5.4	0.4	4.1	3.3	16.6
	Change	-0.3	-0.1	-1.2	0.5	0.2	-5%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.6	28.7	9.0	13.6	4.9	59.8
	Change	0.7	1.4	-1.2	-1.5	0.6	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.7	34.6	20.2	19.5	23.5	116.5
	Change	4.6	-2.4	-7.3	-4.7	-5.0	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	122.0	287.0	102.7	164.6	208.4	884.7
Percent	Change	-6%	-10%	-40%	-17%	-10%	-16%

TOTAL	Number of Cases		Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	884.7 190.7	-16% -11%	169 35
Total Shell Egg	1,075.4	-15%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 17-NOV-05 (LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)							
	(CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BF	ROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,2	75,700	31,963	11,183	5,975	2,042	4,425
PW	1,30	02,392	31,948	11,599	6,118	2,189	4,402
LY	1,2	55,972	31,336	11,467	6,173	1,988	4,435
% Chg	PWK	-2%	0%	-4%	-2%	-7%	1%
% Chg	LY	2%	2%	-2%	-3%	3%	0%
2005	60,50	09,254	1,436,895	585,088	313,396	133,886	204,386
2004	57,1	56,114	1,358,116	549,913	297,131	123,698	196,485
% Chg	YTD	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.97	41.51	42.53
(Inedible Excluded)	38.51	38.13	38.99

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES	BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE		
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	512,430	40.2%	14,659	45.9%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	550,083	42.2%	15,141	47.4%	
LAST YEAR	474,298	37.8%	13,026	41.6%	

BROILER HATCHERY

	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed			
	19 Select	ted States	in 19 Selected Stat			
STATE	NOV 12	NOV 19	NOV 12	NOV 19		
		Thous	and			
AL	*30,939	30,738	*20,224	20,280		
AR	30,983	30,495	*21,300	22,501		
DE	3,484	3,797	5,960	4,697		
FL	1,374	1,364	1,542	1,604		
GA	*32,315	32,511	25,733	24,591		
KY	6,900	6,690	*4,998	5,798		
LA	4,136	4,136	3,694	3,852		
MD	8,842	8,787	4,781	5,439		
MS	17,914	18,477	16,223	14,960		
NC	*18,303	18,279	*14,798	14,964		
OK	6,606	6,676	*5,396	4,539		
PA	*4,193	4,024	*2,727	2,766		
SC	4,937	4,658	4,273	4,085		
TX	14,891	15,179	11,137	11,518		
VA	6,374	6,379	4,976	5,437		
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,203	18,052	*17,236	17,268		
19 State Total	*210,394	210,2425	*164,998	164,299		
Previous Year Total	207,845	208,330	161,853	162,5183		
Pct. of Prev. Year * Revised	101	101	102	101		

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 31-Dec-05 is estimated at 151.6 million head. This compares to 151.9 million head the previous week and to 152.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 139.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.12 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/16/05-11/22/05 CURRENT LDS 65.50 FUTURE LDS 126.50 TOTAL LDS 192.00

	5	SE .	N	ΙE	M	IW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	49.50	58.10	50.90	53.47	51.00	52.75	49.00
GNR W 4	25.00	26.00	_	_	_	_	1.00
GNR BR 1	_	80.00	_	_	_	_	2.00
GL W J	_	_	64.50	65.75	43.33	_	5.00
GL W XL	_	68.56	61.00	61.41	47.35	_	42.75
GL W LG	_	69.30	58.50	62.67	44.25	51.92	40.75
GL W MD	55.00	_	_	42.00	37.64	_	19.50
GL W SM	33.00	36.50	36.55	38.55	_	_	6.00
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	37.30	34.71	46.00
NRBS - 45	_	_	_	_	_	35.00	2.00
NRBS - 42	_	_	_		_	_	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO R	RETAIL CHAN	NELS \	N/E 18-NO\	/-2005
SELECTED	CW	PW	PC	Γ CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSAND	os	PW	LY
Atlanta	30.4	29.2	4	-7
Boston	3.2	3.4	-6	-3
Chicago	108.0	106.8	1	67
Detroit	27.8	37.6	-26	6
Kansas City	4.9	2.6	88	-2
Los Angeles	118.0	119.0	-1	28
New Orleans	5.4	5.6	-4	-18
New York	31.9	32.2	-1	-8
St. Louis	23.6	24.4	-3	22
San Francisco	20.0	20.0	0	-18
Total	373.2	380.8	-2	21
4 Week Moving Avg.	362.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 19-NOV-05						
	YC	DUNG	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEI	BREEDERS		
		THOU	SANDS			
Head	2,142	2,862	26	7	5,037	
Avg Wt	16.23	35.89	26.52	36.79	27.48	
Last week	2,847	2,677	20	0	5,544	
Same wk yr ago	1,840	2,803	32	1	4,676	
Avg Wt	15.80	35.98	24.37	29.87	27.96	
To-date/2005	85,031	119,812	1,144	202	206,189	
To-date/2004	81,098	118,848	2,396	314	202,656	

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS Week ending 19-NOV-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

Y0	DUNG TUI	RKEYS	}	OLD	TOTAL 1	TURKEYS
THOU	SAND P	CT CH	G AVG	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE W1	T-THOUSAN	D HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	918	5	23.58	(A)	920	23.58
South Atlantic	694	20	30.86	(A)	696	30.86
North Central	2,188	-6	31.70	(A)	2,189	31.70
South Central	694	-35	19.15	(A)	695	19.15
West	536	-22	23.25	(A)	537	23.25
U.S. total	5,030(B)	-9	27.48	7	5,037	27.48
To-date						
2005 20	05,987(B)				202	206,189
To-date						
2004 20	02,342(B)				314	202,656
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⁽A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

⁽B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date 1,144,000; for last year to date 2,396,000.

LIVE POULTRY S	SLTRD UNDE	R FEDER	AL INSPE	CTION (Preliminary)
W/E 19-Nov-200	5 YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS		DUCKS
		TH(DUSAND	S	
Head	163,621	1,427	1,444	2,871	526
Avg Wt	5.46	3.37	8.45	5.93	6.85
Last week	163,999	1,296	1,427	2,723	491
Same wk yr ago	156,060	1,380	1,501	2,881	503
Avg Wt	5.28	3.42	8.01	5.81	6.71
To-date/2005	7,432,403	66,262	65,436	131,698	22,966
To-date/2004	7,230,431	63,169	62,970	126,139	21,629
(A) The estimate	ed number of	fryers av	ailable fo	or marketi	ng based on
the 2-week revis	ed average c	hick place	ements 6	to 7 weeks	s earlier was
158.0 million hea	ad. Estimated	d U.S. sla	ughter fo	r this perio	d was 165.6
million head, or	7.6 million m	ore than	estimate	d availabl	e.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Nov-05

Current Week Previous Week

11/26/05(1) 11/19/05

CLASS ——THOUSAND HEAD ———

	11/26/05(1)	11/19/05
CLASS	THOUSANI	D HEAD ———
Broiler/fryer	127,235(2)	166,912
Light hens	815	1,463
Heavy hens	904	1,457
Total	128,954	169,832
(4) CCTIMATED		

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Nov-05 is 160.3 million head compared to 119.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 127.5 million head or 32.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 03-Dec-05 the estimated available is 158.0 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION H	HEAD	
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE PCT		AVG WT
October	15	166.7	161.8	103%	5.50
	22	165.8	160.7	103%	5.44
	29	166.6	162.2	103%	5.49
November	5	163.9	161.6	101%	5.47
	12	166.0	160.3	104%	5.53
	19	165.6	158.0	105%	5.46
Year to date		7,522.5	7,556.4	100%	
November	26		157.2		
December	3		157.5		

<u>FINAL BROILER/FRYER</u> Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of

21-NOV-2005 (cents per lb)

U	I.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE			
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS		WTD AVG LDS
Chicago	56.00-59.00	59.96	39	:	62.06 76
Los Angeles	80.00	78.02	57	:	74.96 98
New York	58.00-61.00	59.55	22	:	62.74 47

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/ FRYERS

04 NOV 0005	Change fr		44 NOV 000	_	00 NOV 0004
21-NOV-2005	14-NOV-2	UU5	14-NOV-200	5	22-NOV-2004
66.89		.51	67.4	0	68.36
NUMBER OF L	OADS 4	492			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-88	85	85.00	520
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-88	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-88	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	84-85	84	84.00	80
CENTRAL REGION	83-85	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	84-85	-	_	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

				Proc	essed othe	er
	Frozen	Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/L	BS P	oultry/LBS	
11/21/0)5	3,325	43,191	1	64,375	
11/01/0)5	3,885	81,804	1	63,547	
		-560	-38,613	3	828	
CHG		-14%	-47%	, D	1%	
	11/21/0	11/21/05 11/01/05	11/21/05 3,325 11/01/05 3,885 -560	11/21/05 3,325 43,19 ² 11/01/05 3,885 81,80 ² -560 -38,613	Frozen Eggs/LBS Turkeys/LBS P 11/21/05 3,325 43,191 11/01/05 3,885 81,804 -560 -38,613	11/21/05 3,325 43,191 64,375 11/01/05 3,885 81,804 63,547 -560 -38,613 828

HEN MARKETS

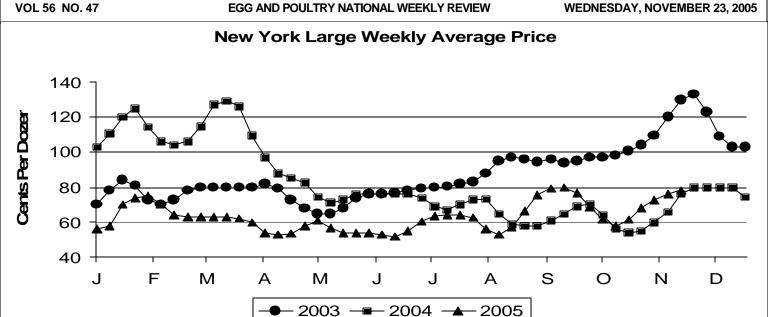
HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 21-NOV-05 **REGIONS RANGE MAJORITY AVG** Southeast (1) 9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB. 12.52 12-13 Southeast (2) **TFFWR** 9-15.75 CENTS/LB. South Central(1) 12-13 12.13 (1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading *Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

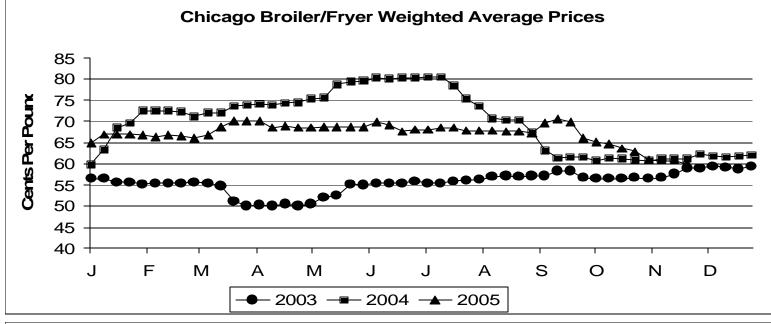
LIGHT TYPE Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

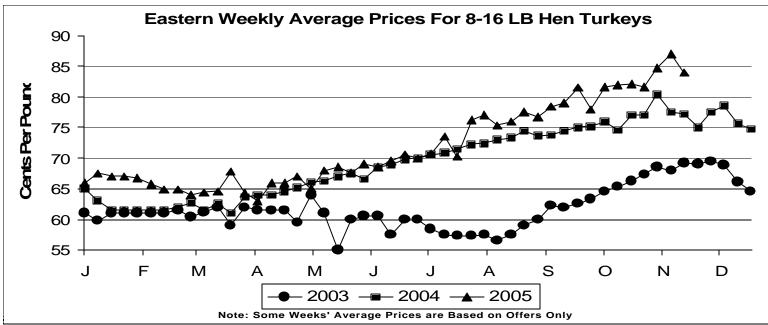
18-NOV-05	REMOVAL COST		
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	
Eastern	3-13	8-9	
South Central	Too Few To Report		
North Central	.5-11	6-9	

COMMERCIAL EGG	MOVEMENT	(Receipts From Producers)			
W/E 18-NOV-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM			
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY		
North Atlantic	217.7	1	2		
East North Central	666.3	2	6		
West North Central	317.4	4	3		
South Atlantic	205.8	-1	-12		
South Central	67.0	-1	-4		
West	201.0	-1	3		
Total	1,675.2	-1	1		
Matched plants rep	orting	84	84		

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE) East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD) South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK) West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)







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